

REAP Region 15 – Ottumwa Assembly Summary

March 2, 2006

Attendance: 73

Preferred projects by county

Group 1:

Land acquisition.
Parks and trails.
Soil and water practices.
Public hunting areas.
Camping.
Educational materials for schools.
Kayak & canoe trail with access and signage.
Lake Wapello State Park
Belvedere Lake
Roadside Vegetation.

Group 2:

Land acquisition.
Hunting ground.
Mahaska county watershed.
Historic preservation.
Campground expansion.

Group 3:

Conservation network over internet.
Historic preservation.
Trails that connect multiple areas and provide recreation.

Group 4:

Water quality.
Campground development.
Trails.

Group 5:

More public lands for hunting and parks.
Trails.
Conservation Education.

Group 6:

Land acquisition; more county owned property.
Water quality; clean up existing waters from feed lots and erosion.
Trails.

Group 7:

Trails and parks.
Barn restoration work.

REAP Improvements**Group 1:**

Conservation coalition could act as REAP County Committee.
Public hearing should be held before grant signing.
REAP needs full funding.
REAP should receive a portion of the sales tax. (Missouri Model)

Group 2:

REAP County Committees need to be restarted.
REAP County Committees should get the money from license plates in their counties.
REAP needs full funding from a sustainable source such as a portion of the sales tax.
(Missouri Model)

Group 3:

Increase public awareness of REAP: what it does, what they can do to participate.
Public meetings need to be held more frequently than once every two years.

Group 4:

County conservation boards should serve as the REAP County Committee.
REAP needs more funding but don't raise taxes.

Group 5:

REAP needs full funding.

Group 6:

REAP County Committees could operate better if they had funding.
REAP County Committees should help sell license plates then keep that money.
Push Legislators for additional funding.

Group 7:

REAP County Committees should have a representative of each funding area.
REAP County Committees could help write grants.
REAP needs more publicity.

Delegates to REAP Congress
To be held July 15, 2006 in Des Moines

Delegates:

Shawn Morrissey
Nancy Exline-Downing
Gary Adam
Linda Roorda
Donna Jeffrey

Alternates:

Mike Pech
Joe Blunk

POSTERS

There are posters which detail most of the REAP projects in your county in .PDF format. Please feel free to contact us for a copy of these files. You may use these files to print either 8.5 x 11 or 24 x 36 posters to educate county residents on what REAP has done for them.

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